GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:211
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2015
Shortage of Manpower in ASI
Karandlaje Km. Shobha;Tarai Smt. Rita

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KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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a) whether various cultural organizations/institutions/museums are facing acute shortage of staff;

b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of sanctioned and filled up posts, organization-wise;

c) whether the long pending vacancies in the above bodies are greatly affecting its day-to-day functioning and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies in both skilled and unskilled category;

d) whether the Government has taken any steps to strengthen Archaeological Survey of India Offices particularly at Bhubaneswar with required laboratory facilities and technical man power for issue of non-antiquity certificate in time in order to boost export oriented handicraft industries; and

e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STTARRED QUESTION No. *211 FOR 14.12.2015 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN ASI

(a) & (b): There are forty four(44) organizations under the Ministry of Culture. The organization wise details of sanctioned and filled up posts are at Annexure-I.

(c): Filling up of vacancies is a regular process in the organizations. Necessary steps are also taken to ensure that the functioning of the organizations is not affected for want of adequate manpower. Periodical review of vacancies in all cadres resulting from retirement, resignation, death etc., is carried out and suitable action for filling up of vacancies is taken up as per rules and procedures.
(d) &(e): Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has taken steps to restructure its cadre, both technical and non-technical. The posts in the Bhubaneswar office have also been covered in the restructuring. Necessary laboratory facilities have been provided to all laboratories as per requirement, including Bhubaneswar. Regarding issue of non-antiquity certificate, there is an Expert Advisory Committee in each ASI Circle including Bhubaneswar Circle for issue of non-antiquity certificate to handicraft exporters for purpose of export. The Committee meets regularly as and when requests for issue of certificates are received.
No.F.9-13/2015-CDN

Subject: Lok Sabha admitted Starred Question No. 211 for 14.12.2015 asked by Smt. Rita Tarai and Kumari Shobha Karadlaje,

Hon'ble MPs regarding shortage of manpower in ASI.

Smt. Rita Tarai and Kumari Shobha Karadlaje, Hon'ble MPs have raised a Parliament Question for 7.12.2015 in Lok Sabha. The question raised is as follows:
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2. In this regard, all Divisions/Sections were requested to furnish input for framing reply to the question.
3 . The draft reply of part (a) to (c) of the question is based on the inputs received from attached/subordinate/autonomous organizations of the Ministry of Culture and part (d) & (e) is based on the inputs of ASI .

4. On the basis of these inputs, a draft has been attempted and submitted for kind approval

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